(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Newsitem "Delay in catering deal costs Air India dear"

*366. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Delay in catering deal costs Air India dear" appearing in Indian Express dated the 1st August, 1996;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and

(c) the remedial steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There were procedural delays in finalising the catering contract for the period from 1st August, 1990 to 31st March, 1993 by Air India with the Tokyo Flight Kitchen resulting in losses to the Company. Vigilance enquiry has been instituted by Air India to fix responsibility in the matter.

The Catering Committee of Air India has also been advised to take timely action in finalising all catering contracts.

Income tax assesses in Madhya Pradesh

*368. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of incom tax assessees in the State of Madhya Pradesh by the end of March, 1995, district-wise;

(b) the number of such assessees in different slabs; and

(c) the number of arrear cases as on 31st March, 199S, alongwith the outstanding amount and action taken to reduce the number?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The total number of assessees in the State of Madhya Pradesh by end of March, 1995, is 434427. The District wise break up is as under—

DISTRICTS	NO.OF ASSESSEES	DISTRICTS	NO.OF ASSESSEES
Betul	5199	Vidisha	5011
Bhind	1659	Jabalpur	32128
Bhopal	31360	Sagar	5860
Datia	996	Satna	5413
Dewas	5196	Riwa	3157
Dhar	3907	Domah	2500
Gwalior	23379	Sidhi	1816
Guna	4700	Seoni	1674
Hoshangabad	7574	Chhindwara	4113
Indore	78931	Balaghat	3550
Jhabua	1351	Tikamgarh	2248
Khandwa	7873	Narsinghpur	3978
Khargone	6748	Panna	861
Mandsaur	8294	Chhatarpur	4474
Morena	4242	Shahdol	5342
Raisen	1533	Mandla	1598
Rajgarh	2757	Raipur	61119
Ratlam	8342	Durg	18134
Sehore	844	Bilaspur	21931
Shajapur	3288	Raigarh	4641
Sheopuri	3061	Rajnandgeon	7476
Ujjain	13890	Sharguja	6953
		Bastar	5326
		Total:	434427

(b) The number of assessees in different slabs is as under:—

1. Assessees having income upto 2 lakh.	426727
2. Assessees having income between 2 lakh to lo lakh.	6990
3. Assessees having income above Rs. 10 lakhs.	710

(c) No. of arrear cases as on 31-3-95:

Arrears as on	No. of cases involved	Amount
31-3-95	183454	crores

Various actions prescribed under the Income-tax Act e.g. attachment of movable and immovable properties of defaulters, prosecution, imposition of penalties, detention in prison, appointment of receiver for management of defaulter's properties are taken for recovery of the outstanding demands. Besides, various steps are taken to effect recovery of demand including grant of instalments and where issues are locked up in appeal, appellate authorities are rquested to dispose of the appeals expeditiously. In bigger cases, the dossiers are maintained and the recovery position is reviewed regularly.

अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों को विधिक सहायता दिया जाना

*370. श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह: क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों को सरकार द्वारा विधिक सहायता प्रदान करने का प्रावधान है, और

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस संबंध में वर्षवार कितनी-कितनी धनराशि खर्च की गई?

विधि कार्य, विधायी विभाग और न्याय विभाग के राज्य मंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी• खलप) (क) जी हां।

(ख) अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए, चाहे वे यथास्थिति, याची हों या प्रत्यर्थी हों, विधिक सहायता, आय-सीमा को ध्यान में लाए बिना प्रदान की जा रही है। निधियां राज्य विधिक सहायता और सलाह बोर्ड वर्तमान में राज्य विधिक सेवा प्राधिकरण तथा उनके अपने-अपने जिला और तालुक विधिक सहायता प्राधिकरणों द्वारा उपलब्ध कराई जाती हैं। उनके लिए अलग से कोई आबंटन निश्चित नहीं किया जा रहा है। अत: पिछले तीन वर्षों के लिए अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों के लिए विधिक सहायता पर खर्च की गई वास्तविक राशि का ब्यौरा देना संभव नहीं है।

Shortage of Anti Rabies Injections in Andhra Pradesh

*371. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations on the shortage of anti-rabies injections in West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of such representations; and

(c) the steps taken to send sufficient supplies of anti-rabies medicines to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b)The State Government has reported that certain representations were received relating, inter-alia, to shortage of anti-rabies vaccine in Government Hospitals in West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Anti-rabies vaccines are procured by the State directly from the manufacturers. The State Government has reported that the District Medical and Health Officer, West Godavari procured the following quantity of vaccines from the Pasteur Institute of India, Coonoor:—

December, 1995	2277 ml.
March, 1996	2500 ml.
August, 1996	2277 ml.

An indent for another supply of 2277 ml. has been placed with Pasteur Institute, Coonoor on 22nd August, 1996. The Pasteur Institute of India had been supplying vaccines to the State as and when indented. A team from National Institute of Communicable Diseases also visited the State and gave a report in the matter.